

SEMINOLE TRACKS

NATURAL LANDS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Take A Hike, Florida!

Help Seminole County and the Florida Forever coalition celebrate public lands by joining a hike. On March 26 there will be hundreds of people gathering on a variety of hikes across Florida. Here's one in Seminole County:

March 26

8-10am

@ Lake Harney Wilderness Area

NEW! SWAMP WALK NATURE HIKE

Remember your 5th grade field trip to the Environmental Studies Center and going on the "Mud Hike"? Now take the next step and join one of Seminole County Natural Lands Swamp Walks and share the experience with your entire family!

Cost: \$3 per person. Must be at least 12 years old and have completed 5th grade or older. **Pre-registration required**. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

April 16

8-10am

@ Spring Hammock Preserve



We enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors by providing excellent parks, recreation, greenways, natural lands and preservation of heritage for present and future generations.

Visit the Natural Lands Web site www.seminolecountyfl.gov/natland



Seminole County Guided Night Hikes

Lead by the Natural Lands Department on some of our most beautiful wilderness areas. \$3 per person. Please register in advanced, space is limited. All ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

March 4	Nocturnal Animals	7:30-9:30pm	@ Geneva Wilderness Area
March 18	Nighttime Adaptations	7:30-9:30pm	@ Chuluota Wilderness Area
April 1	Owl Prowl	7:30-9:30pm	@ Geneva Wilderness Area
April 15	Insects After Dark	7:30-9:30pm	@ Geneva Wilderness Area
May 6	Frog Hop Hike	7:30-9:30pm	@ Geneva Wilderness Area
May 20	Nocturnal Animals	7:30-9:30pm	@ Lake Harney Wilderness Area
June 3	Herp (Reptiles) Hike	7:30-9:30pm	@ Lake Proctor Wilderness Area
June 17	Voice in the Dark	7:30-9:30pm	@ Chuluota Wilderness Area

For more information or registration call (407) 349-0959





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Winter/Spring 2011 Edition

Eco Camp 2011

Eco Camp blends traditional summer camp activities while increasing a child's appreciation for nature, science and the environment for children ages 8-14.

For campers ages 12-15, **Field Biology Boot Camp** focuses on higher level topics such as biology, water resource management, and more. Campers will have a hands-on experience with plants and animals in their ecosystems.

June 13-17	Field Biology Boot Camp I
June 20-24	Aquatic Adventures
June 27-July 1	Animal Safari
July 11-15	Pioneer Trails
July 18-22	"Wild" Water Week
July 25-29	Nature Detectives
August 1-5	Field Biology Boot Camp II

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center in Geneva



Attention all Scout Troops!

Nature Adventure Birthday Party

Create a birthday party experience your child will never forget! Party themes feature live animals, nature walks, natural science exploration and more.

Sample Themes Available:

Awesome Animals (ages 3-12)
Woodland Wonders (ages 3-6)
Walk On The Wild Side (ages 3-12)
Garden Magic (ages 3-12)
Animal Superheroes (ages 4-8)
Radical Reptiles (ages 5-12)
Night Hike (ages 7 and up)

Call at (407) 349-0959 for more information



Private Environmental Education Classes and Hikes

Natural Lands offers private Eco Adventure classes and Hikes that are designed around your **badge requirements!** Eco Adventure classes are a combination of environmental education and a hike through the Geneva Wilderness Area. Private hikes, both day and night, are also available and will be geared towards the badge of your choice. Private classes and hikes can be booked around your schedule.

*This program is offered to any group of 15 or more.

Cost: Eco Adventures \$5 per person and Hikes \$3 per person Call (407) 349-0959 for details or to book your program.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND OPEN HOUSE

Join this fun event for the entire family at the Environmental Studies Center in Longwood to help celebrate Earth Day! The Seminole County Natural Lands team along with The Friends of the Environmental Studies Center will host several exciting events including guided hikes, vendors, *museum tours, a *Swamp Walk and other great environmental programs. This event is free and open to the public. (*Separate fees may apply)

April 16

10am-2pm

Environmental Studies Center, Longwood